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SUBJECT: ALLEGED LOCKHEED PAYOFFS IN NIGERIA

1. NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED FEBRUARY 11 THAT QUOTE DOCUMENTS IN POSSESSION OF A SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE SHOW THAT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN AGENTS' FEES FOR THE SALE OF LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT TO SOUTH AFRICA, NIGERIA AND SPAIN WERE PAID TO ACCOUNTS IN LICHTENSTEIN AND SWITZERLAND UNQUOTE. THE SHORT ARTICLE ENDS QUOTE ACCORDING TO WELL-INFORMED SOURCES, THE NIGERIAN SITUATION INVOLVING THE COMPANIES SALES AGENTS COMPLEX (SIC). APPARENTLY A STRUGGLE OF SOME KIND TOOK PLACE FOR THE POSITION OF LOCKHEED SALES AGENT BETWEEN A BUSINESSMAN OF GREEK NATIONALITY AND THE COMPANY'S SOUTH AFRICAN AGENT. UNQUOTE.

2. MOST OF ARTICLE IS ABOUT ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN
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SOUTH AFRICA. EVERYTHING ABOUT NIGERIA IS QUOTED ABOVE.

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WE DOUBT THAT ARTICLE (PUBLISHED ON PAGE 67) WILL HAVE
MUCH IMPACT.

3. DEPARTMENT CONTACTED STAFF SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON
MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS WHO CONFIRMED THAT LEAK CAME

FROM FIRED EMPLOYEE OF SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF, AND THAT
ALLEGED BRIBE WAS DOLLARS 3.7 MILLION.

4. OVER PHONE NEW YORK TIMES AGREED THAT LAST PARAGRAPH
APPARENTLY GARBLED.

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